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MONROVIA FOR FAA NEWELL

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, MR
SUBJ: END OF HUGHES AIR WEST/AIR MAURITANIA RELATIONSHIP

REF: A) NOUAKCHOTT 1329, B) NOUAKCHOTT 128

1. AS FORSEEN REF A, END OF CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN HUGHES AIR WEST AND AIR MAURITANIA (AM) CAME
ON AUGUST 1. 1978. HUGHES REP RALPH NUTT STATED THAT
PARTING OF WAYS WAS UNEVENTFUL AND EVEN A BIT WISTFUL
AND ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT AIR MAURITANIA DIRECTOR-
GENERAL SIDI OULD ZEIN WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO KEEP HUGHES
CREW THERE, BUT WAS OBVIOUSLY CONSTRAINED BY FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS. HUTT STATED THAT THE UTA CREW WOULD COST AM
ONLY ONE-HALF THE AMOUNT PAID TO HUGHES PARTLY DUE TO THE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICE OF SUBSIDIZING ONE HALF OF
UTA MECHANICS SALARIES AS PART OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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2. WHEN ASKED HIS OPINION OF QUALITY OF UTA MAINTENANCE
TEAM, HUTT EXPRESSED OPINION THAT QUOTE YOU GET WHAT YOU
PAY FOR END QUOTE, AND RELATED THAT AM IS ALREADY REAPING
SOME OF DISADVANTAGES OF THEIR ATTEMPTED COST CUTTING.
ONE AIR MAURITANIA PILOT REFUSED TO FLY SCHEDULED FLIGHT

AUGUST 1 DUE TO NON-FUNCTIONING RADAR EQUIPMENT, CAUSING SEVERAL HOURS DELAY. PREVIOUSLY, AIR MAURITANIA PILOTS HAD ACCEPTED HUGHES CERTIFICATION THAT AIRCRAFT WAS FLIGHT-READY WITHOUT QUESTION.

3. ONE HUGHES EMPLOYEE WILL BE KEPT ON FOR A TWO MONTH PERIOD AS CONSULTANT, AND WILL ALERT US TO ANY SERVICE DIFFICULTIES DEEMED SERIOUS ENOUGH TO AFFECT SAFETY OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS, (SEE REF. B FOR BACKGROUND). HUGHES WILL ALSO BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM MAJOR OVERHAUL WORK ON A CONTINUING BASIS. KRYZA

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